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APPLICANT: Evans, et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants wish to bring the following references, AA –AL cited on the attached PTO-1449 Form to the attention of the Examiner.

**REMARKS**

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art, and will carefully consider each of the said documents cited herein.

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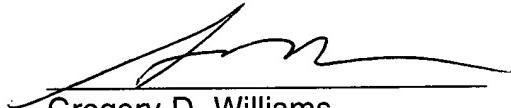
It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the PTO-1449 Form be made of record in this Application.

Early examination and allowance of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PTO-1449 FORM and REFERENCES AA – AL are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1999.



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